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MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE
ON
CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Tuesday, April 12, 2016

9:00 a.m.

Room 327 House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Criminal Justice was called to order by the Chair.

The Clerk read in the letter from Speaker Cotter appointing a new member.

Members present: Reps. Heise, Webber, Howrylak, Lucido, Howell, Guerra, and Hovey-Wright.
Members absent/excused: Rep. Chang.

Representative Webber moved to adopt the March 15th, 2016, minutes. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid HB 5273 before the committee:

HB 5273 (Pagel) Corrections; other; veto power for successor judges related to certain parole decisions; eliminate.

Representative Webber moved to adopt substitute (H-1) to HB 5273. The motion prevailed 6-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Heise, Webber, Lucido, Howell, Guerra, Hovey-Wright.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

Representative Pagel testified in support of his bill. Questions and discussion followed.

Shirletha Norton, representing herself, testified in support of the bill.

Jacqueline Ouvry, representing the Prisons and Corrections Section of the State Bar of Michigan, testified in support of the bill. Questions and discussion followed.

Paul Reineold, representing the University of Michigan Law School, testified in support of the bill. Questions and discussion followed.

Barb Levine, representing the Citizens Alliance on Prisons and Public Spending, testified in support of the bill. Questions and discussion followed.

The following people submitted a card in support of the bill, but did not wish to speak:

Holly Harris, representing the US – Justice Action Network.

Tim Hickson, representing the Michigan Catholic Conference.

Shelli Weisberg, representing the American Civil Liberties Union of Michigan.
John Shea, representing the Criminal Defense Attorneys of Michigan.
Alan Wachendorfer, representing the National Association of Social Workers of Michigan.
Cami Pendell, representing the Michigan Judges Association.

Representative Guerra moved to excuse Representative Chang. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

There being no further business before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:59 a.m.

Representative Kurt Heise, Chair _____
Angie Lake, Committee Clerk
House Criminal Justice Committee